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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 2, 2003

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 2, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-6 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,137,573 (Luke et al.) and 4,280,764 (Sica et al.). Claims 7-34 were rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,684,545 (Dou et al.). As discussed below, the Applicant respectfully disagrees.

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